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To Whom It May Concern-

I would like to express my dis-satisfaction with the proposed Microsoft settlement. In addition to having a number of problems discussed at length in editorials, and the internet (<http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>), I don't believe that the settlement will work to remedy Microsoft's behavior. Their monopoly power has a stranglehold on the industry and will continue to expanding into other areas, as it is even now as they leverage their weight to dominate other industries and markets. Their monopoly on the desktop OS allows them to leverage that influence to not only extend that monopoly, but to move their technologies into other industries, which they are doing with their X-box, Windows Media Player, their Desktop Applications, and the .Net strategy-- all to the detriment of users and competitors, giving Microsoft the upper hand.

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